

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-8, and 10-20 are pending. By this Amendment, independent claim 12 is added. Support for new claim 12 may be found at least on page 12, lines 9-15, page 17, line 24, to page 18, line 5, and page 30, lines 5-13. No new matter is added by the above amendments.

I. New Claims

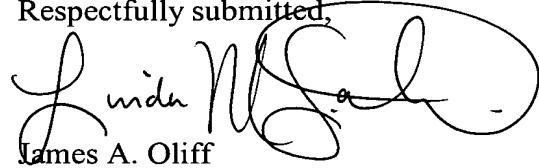
By this Amendment, claims 12-20 are added. Claim 12 is allowable because it recites features not disclosed or rendered obvious by U.S. Patent No. 5,727,135 (Webb) or any other reference of record. Claims 13-20 depend variably from claims 1, 8, 10 and 12. Thus, claims 13-20 are allowable for the same reasons that claims 1, 8, 10 and 12 are allowable as well as for the additional features they recite.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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